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UNDERSTANDING RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN DATA FROM THE CENSUS 2000

Every census must adapt to the decade in which it is administered. New technologies emerge and change the way the U.S. Census Bureau collects and processes data. More importantly, changing lifestyles and emerging sensitivities among the people of the United States necessitate modifications to the questions that are asked. One of the most important changes for Census 2000 was the revision of the questions on race and Hispanic origin to better reflect the country's growing diversity. The question on race for Census 2000 was different from the one for the 1990 census in several ways. Most significantly, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities. Because of these changes, the Census 2000 data on race are not directly comparable with data from the 1990 census or earlier censuses. Caution must be used when interpreting changes in the racial composition of the U.S. population over time. The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. For Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. The question on Hispanic origin asked respondents if they were Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino. Hispanic or Latino may be considered to be of any race. These questions are based on self-identification. Census 2000 adheres to the federal standards

for collecting and presenting data on race and Hispanic origin as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in October 1997. The OMB defines Hispanic or Latino as "a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race." In data collection and presentation, federal agencies are required to use a minimum of two ethnicities: "Hispanic or Latino" and "Not Hispanic or Latino." Starting with Census 2000, the OMB requires federal agencies to use a minimum of five race categories:

- White;
- Black or African American;
- American Indian or Alaska Native;
- Asian; and
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

For respondents unable to identify with any of these five race categories, the OMB approved including a sixth category, "Some other race," on the Census 2000 questionnaire. The category "Some other race" is used in Census 2000 and a few other federal data collection activities. Most respondents who reported "Some other race" are Hispanic. See the sidebar for definitions of the race categories used in Census 2000. The Census 2000 question on race included 15 separate response categories and three areas where respondents could write in a

more specific race group. The response categories and write-in answers can be combined to create the five minimum OMB race categories plus "Some other races."

POPULATION BY RACE IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

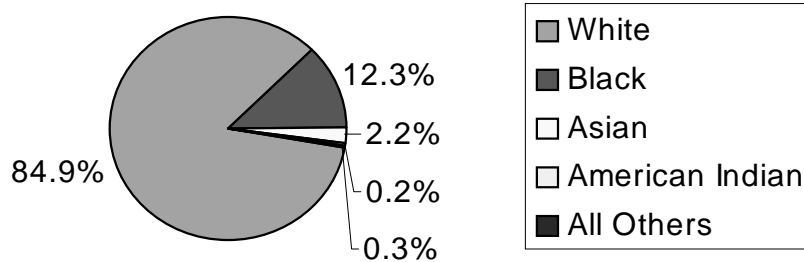
Between April 1, 1990 and April 1, 2000 Baltimore County's total population increased by 62,158. The increase in total population is largely due to the growth of the Non-White population, which grew by 88,924 or 85.3%. The growth of the Non-White population was offset by the County's White population decrease of 26,766 or (4.6%). The racial make-up of Baltimore County on April 1, 2000 is as follows: White-74.4%, African American-20.1%, Asian-3.2%, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander-.3%, and all others 2.1%. See pie charts for changes comparing 1990 to 2000. Note the pie charts do not match the five race categories as discussed above. The 1990 Census combined the race categories Asian and Native Hawaiian and Pacific islander.

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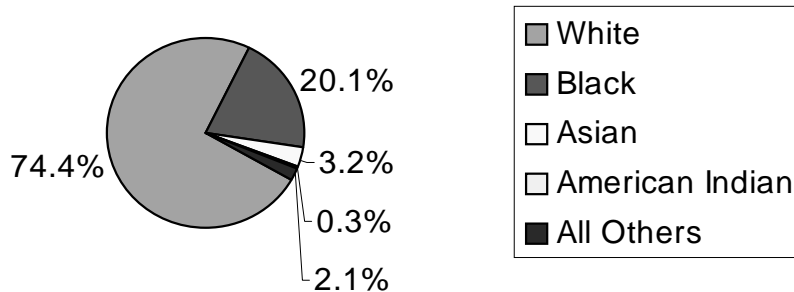
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**Racial Composition of Baltimore County
Census 1990**



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Census 2000**



WHITE POPULATION

In 1990, Baltimore County's White population was 587,898. By 2000, the County's White population had decreased to 561,132. During that ten-year period, the White population in Baltimore County decreased by 26,766 individuals or 4.6%. Sixteen of the thirty-one regional planning districts experienced a decrease in its White population. These regional planning districts are not concentrated in one section of the County but are distributed throughout the County. This change in population decreases range from a low of (193) individuals in Edgemere to a high of (8,293) individuals in Liberty-Lochearn. **Table 1.**

AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION

On April 1, 1990, the African American population was 85,451, by April 1, 2000, the African American population had increased to 151,600. This represents an increase of 66,149 or 77.4%. Four of the top five Regional Planning Districts (RPDs) that experienced an increase in African American population are located in the western section of Baltimore County. Only three RPDs experienced a decrease in its African American population, they are Chase-Bowley's Quarters (695), Fork (16) and Kingsville (2). **Table 2.**

ASIAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER

For this analysis, the Asian race category and the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander race category were combined for the 2000 Census data. This was done to make the data compatible with the 1990 Census data. The Census 2000 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander race category had a total population of 242. The Census 2000 combined Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population was 24,189. This represents an increase of 8,645 people or growth of 55% from the 1990 Census. **Table 3.**

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE

Between April 1, 1990 and April 1, 2000, the American Indian and Alaska Native population increased by 455 or 31%. On April 1, 2000, American Indian and Alaska Native accounted for less than 1% of Baltimore County's total population. The actual number of American Indian and Alaska Native in Baltimore County was 1,923.

Approximately one third of the American Indian and Alaska Native population resides in the Essex, Dundalk, and North Point RPDs.

HISPANIC OR LATINO

As discussed above, Hispanic or Latino may be considered to be of any race. Individuals who identified their race as Hispanic or Latino are included in the "Some other race" category. The following analysis is based on individuals that identified themselves as having a Hispanic or Latino origin. Baltimore County's Hispanic or Latino population increased from 8,131 on April 1, 1990 to 13,774 on April 1, 2000. The growth during the ten-year period was 5,643 or 69.4 percent change. Almost a third of

Table 1. White Population

Top 5 RPDs that Gained White Population		Top 5 RPDs that Lost White Population	
Perry Hall-White Marsh	5,993	Liberty-Lochearn	(8,293)
Chestnut Ridge-Worthington	4,857	Essex	(8,169)
Greenspring-Pikesville	2,820	Security	(7,345)
Reisterstown-Owings Mills	2,504	Towson-Loch-Raven	(4,584)
Sparks	1,835	Randallstown	(4,534)

Table 2. African American Population

Top 5 RPDs that Gained African American Population	
Randallstown	16,784
Liberty-Lochearn	11,061
Security	9,413
Essex	5,020
Reisterstown-Owings Mills	3,734

Table 3. Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander

Top 5 RPDs with Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Population		Top 5 RPDs with the Largest increase in Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Population	
Perry Hall-White Marsh	2,581	Perry Hall-White Marsh	842
Towson-Loch Raven	2,380	Greenspring Valley-Pikesville	826
Security	2,363	Towson-Loch Raven	797
Cockeysville-Timonium	2,310	Cockeysville-Timonium	780
Reisterstown-Owings Mills	1,681	Catonsville	759

the Hispanic or Latino population is concentrated in the northwest corridor (Reisterstown-Owings Mills, Liberty-Lochearn, Randallstown, and Greenspring Valley-Pikesville RPDs).

PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

Baltimore County has become more racially and culturally diverse. During the ten year period between April 1, 1990 and April 1, 2000, Baltimore County's Non-White population grew by 88,924 residents or 85.3%. The changing racial and cultural fabric of

Baltimore County will effect all agencies in the way they provide services and interact with residents from different countries, cultures, and racial background. There may be both cultural and language barriers the service providers may have to overcome before addressing residents concerns. Baltimore County's changing population will have a major impact upon the school system and other social service organization. The school system may have to increase its offering of courses in English as a second language and provide mentors to

students from other countries and cultures. The changing racial and cultural make-up of the County also brings a healthy mix of restaurants and cultural shops to the County. As the county becomes more diverse, cultural specialty shops are created to service and cater to the needs of minority communities.

HOW THE RACE CATEGORIES USED IN CENSUS 2000 ARE DEFINED

- “White” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “White” or wrote in entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish.
- “Black or African American” refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Black, African American, or Negro,” or wrote in entries such as African American, Afro-American, Nigerian, or Haitian.
- “American Indian and Alaska Native” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. It includes people who indicated their race or races by marking this category or writing in their principal or enrolled tribe, such as Rosebud Sioux, Chippewa, or Navajo.
- “Asian” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Asian Indian,” “Chinese,” “Filipino,” “Korean,” “Japanese,” “Vietnamese,” or “Other Asian,” or wrote in entries such as Burmese, Hmong, Pakistani, or Thai.
- “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Native Hawaiian,” “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” or “Other Pacific Islander,” or wrote in entries such as Tahitian, Mariana Islander, or Chuukese.
- “Some other race” was included in Census 2000 for respondents who were unable to identify with the five Office of Management and Budget race categories. Respondents who provided write-in entries such as Moroccan, South African, Belizean, or a Hispanic origin (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban) are included in the “Some other race” category.

Table 4. Population by Race, April 1, 1990

RPD Number	Regional Planning District Names (RPD)	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990	1990
		Total Population	White	African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Hispanic Latino
301	Hereford-Maryland Line	11,394	11,133	170	13	71	65
302	Prettyboy	4,406	4,343	32	5	22	22
303	Fowblesburg	3,947	3,778	102	4	59	27
304	Sparks	5,332	4,995	182	9	134	36
305	Jacksonville	9,547	9,259	81	2	195	90
306	Reisterstown-Owings Mills	34,764	28,704	4,803	94	980	633
307	Chestnut Ridge-Worthington	8,164	7,689	103	2	363	100
308	Lutherville	23,704	22,477	244	14	932	309
309	Cockeysville-Timonium	24,800	22,184	984	37	1,530	402
310	Fork	6,829	6,630	68	4	121	46
311	Harrisonville	4,345	3,660	626	14	42	44
312	Randallstown	26,123	16,059	9,204	61	713	351
313	Greenspring Valley-Pikesville	33,084	30,838	1,573	27	559	362
314	Ruxton	4,909	4,809	20	1	71	41
315	Towson-Loch Raven	63,058	55,546	5,687	93	1,583	876
316	Parkville	32,795	30,845	939	48	899	352
317	Perry Hall-White Marsh	45,681	42,507	1,291	44	1,739	620
318	Kingsville	4,697	4,614	36	2	38	32
319	Liberty-Lochearn	51,713	18,762	32,092	115	572	576
320	Overlea	15,727	13,294	2,236	26	157	107
321	Rossville	9,995	8,078	1,407	36	403	190
322	Chase-Bowley's Quarters	17,506	14,837	2,517	56	66	112
323	Security	34,295	25,465	6,998	63	1,613	499
324	Catonsville	29,919	26,107	3,147	60	540	310
325	Arbutus-Lansdowne	35,259	32,288	1,720	96	1,056	450
326	Rosedale	10,523	10,340	52	15	110	83
327	Middle River	18,099	16,705	1,045	66	255	127
328	Essex	46,493	42,169	3,591	190	401	567
329	Dundalk	39,656	35,892	3,393	135	173	345
330	North Point	26,161	25,224	632	111	117	274
331	Edgemere	9,209	8,667	476	25	30	83
Totals		692,134	587,898	85,451	1,468	15,544	8,131

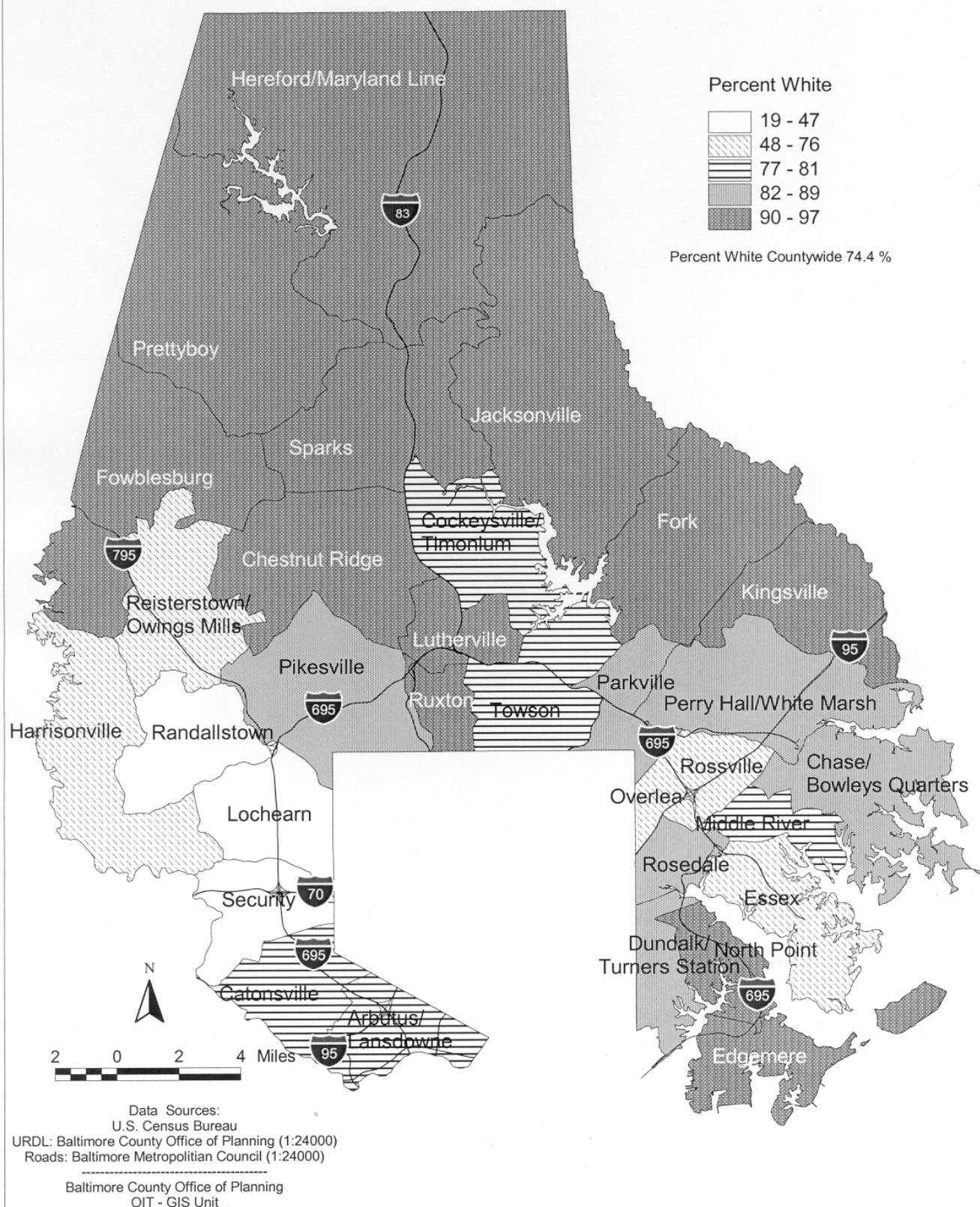
Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 1990 Census of Population

Table 5. Population By Race, April 1, 2000

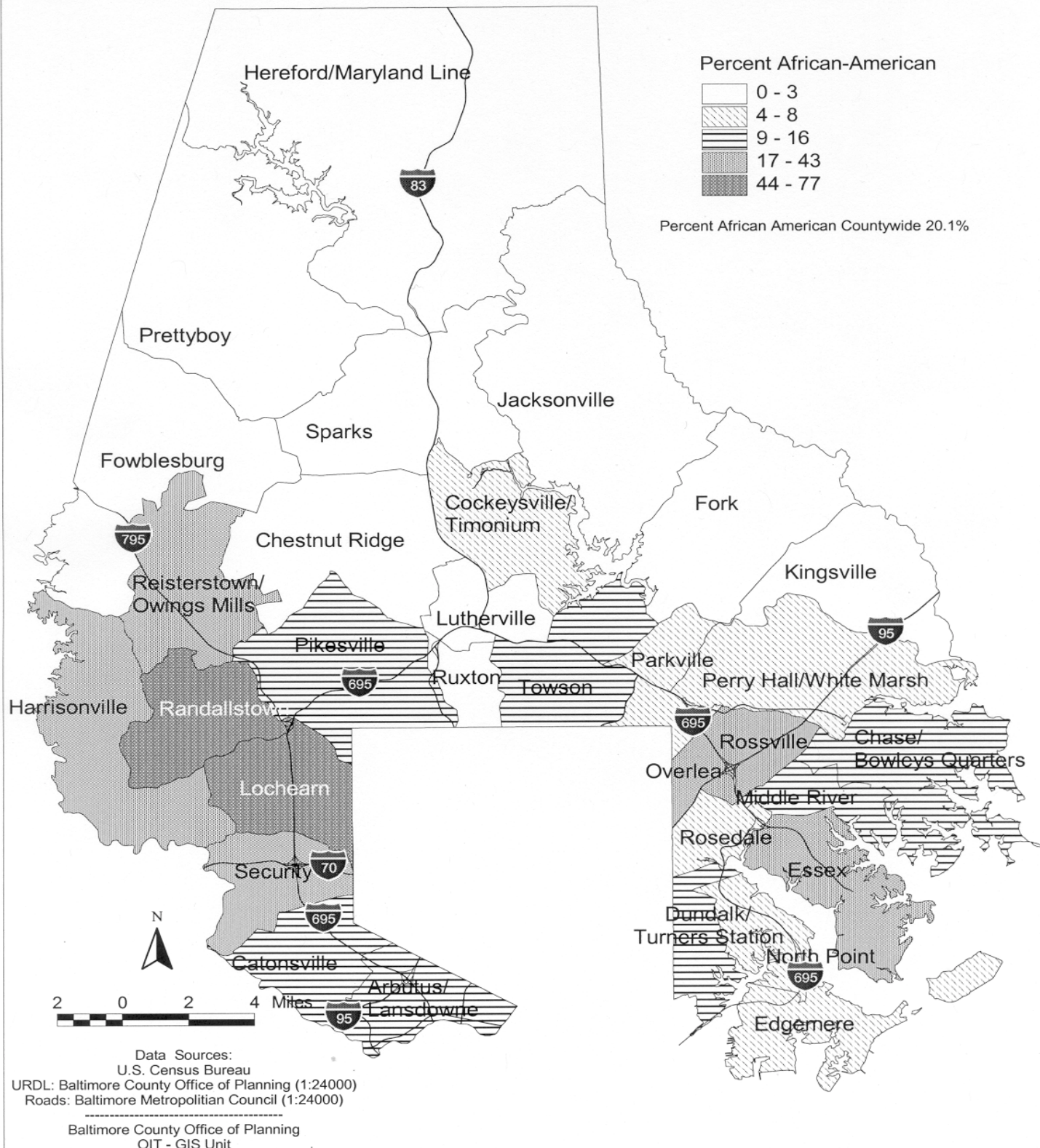
RPD Number	Regional Planning District Names (RPD)	2000 Total POPULATION	2000 White	2000 African American	2000 American Indian and Alaska Native	2000	2000
						Asian Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	Hispanic Latino
301	Hereford-Maryland Line	13,113	12,654	216	17	96	80
302	Prettyboy	4,025	3,907	52	4	22	40
303	Fowblesburg	4,284	4,015	142	3	81	42
304	Sparks	7,436	6,830	184	4	326	82
305	Jacksonville	10,834	10,439	118	7	183	102
306	Reisterstown-Owings Mills	43,049	31,208	8,537	93	1,681	1,587
307	Chestnut Ridge-Worthington	13,534	12,546	176	11	692	157
308	Lutherville	24,608	22,582	323	28	1,375	311
309	Cockeysville-Timonium	25,368	20,314	2,036	62	2,310	733
310	Fork	7,001	6,763	52	4	120	68
311	Harrisonville	4,357	3,139	1,033	13	87	71
312	Randallstown	39,635	11,525	25,988	76	1,069	664
313	Greenspring Valley-Pikesville	39,652	33,658	3,959	37	1,385	659
314	Ruxton	5,243	5,065	22	-	115	39
315	Towson-Loch Raven	64,848	50,962	10,205	77	2,380	1,291
316	Parkville	33,337	29,099	2,249	64	1,385	485
317	Perry Hall-White Marsh	54,648	48,500	2,596	91	2,581	883
318	Kingsville	5,272	5,135	34	13	43	43
319	Liberty-Lochearn	55,872	10,469	43,153	160	716	972
320	Overlea	16,038	11,775	3,746	39	217	192
321	Rossville	12,459	8,976	2,572	33	523	337
322	Chase-Bowley's Quarters	17,671	15,459	1,822	46	96	136
323	Security	38,268	18,120	16,411	99	2,363	863
324	Catonsville	33,555	26,990	4,511	72	1,299	618
325	Arbutus-Lansdowne	35,840	29,044	4,149	113	1,530	865
326	Rosedale	10,971	9,703	879	28	195	146
327	Middle River	17,307	13,800	2,664	108	286	385
328	Essex	44,513	34,000	8,611	246	502	958
329	Dundalk	37,702	32,828	3,787	211	298	550
330	North Point	24,776	23,153	893	148	188	354
331	Edgemere	9,076	8,474	480	16	45	61
Totals	Totals	754,292	561,132	151,600	1,923	24,189	13,774

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2000 Census of Population

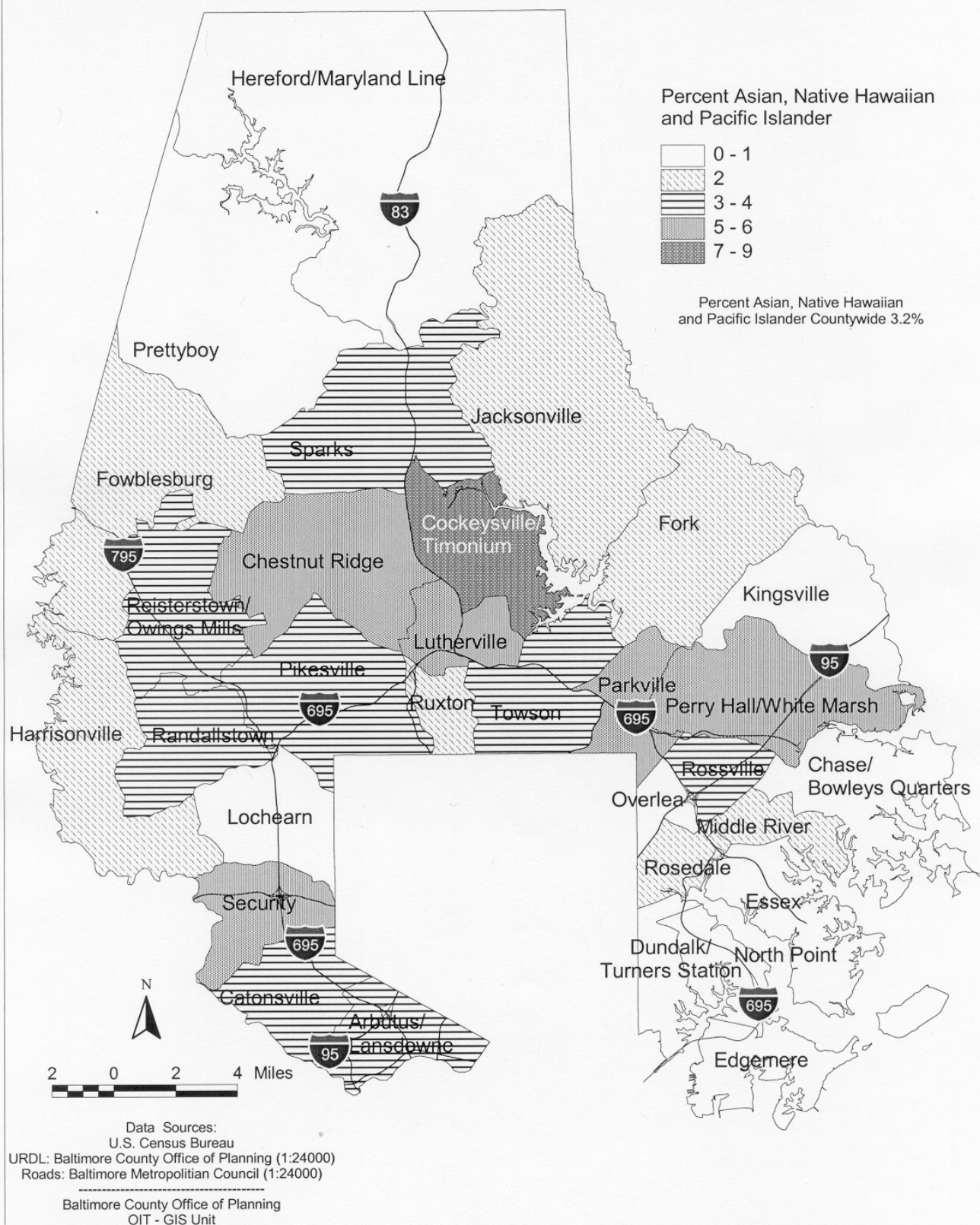
Map 1. Percent White, April 1, 2000



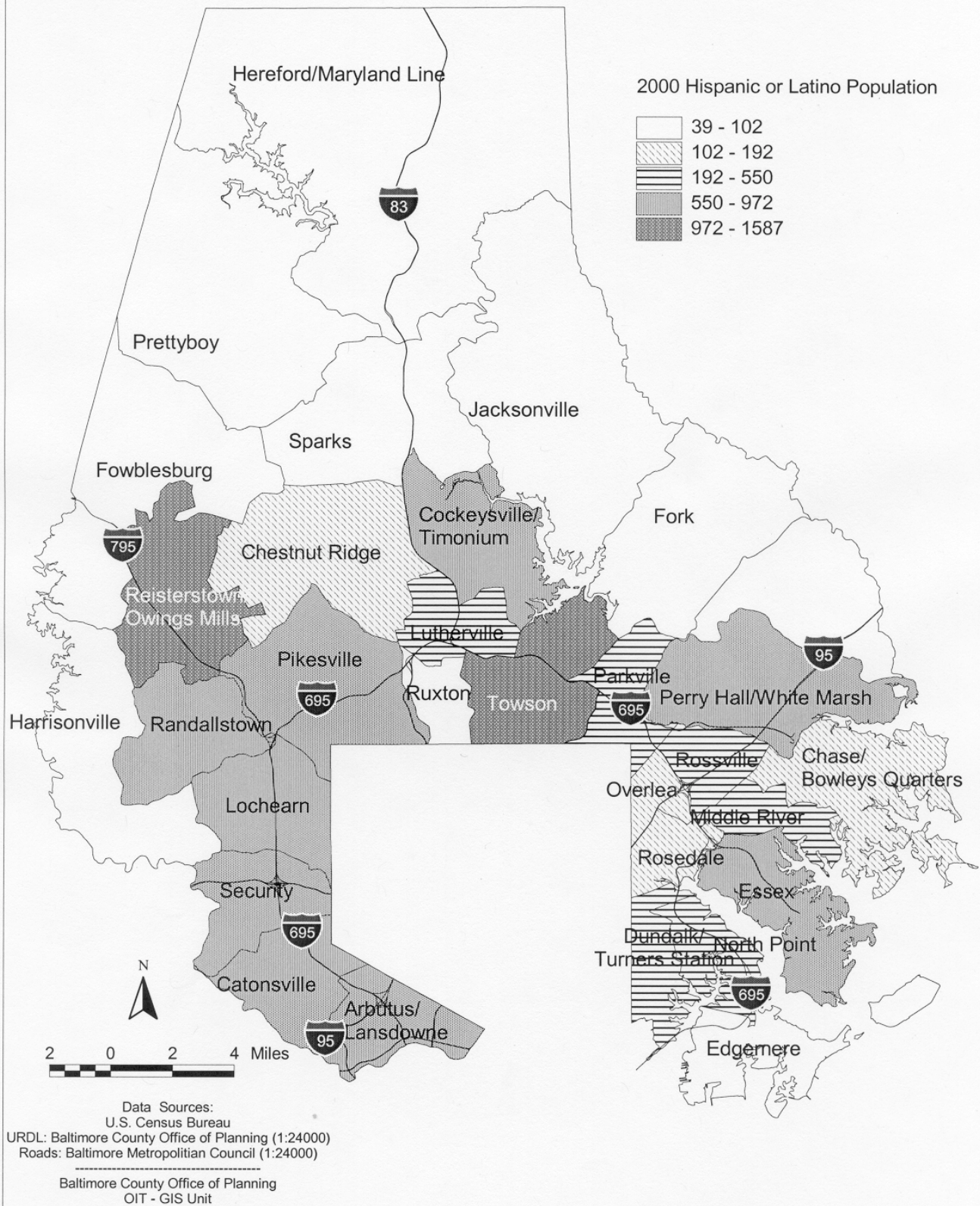
Map 2. Percent African-American, April 1, 2000



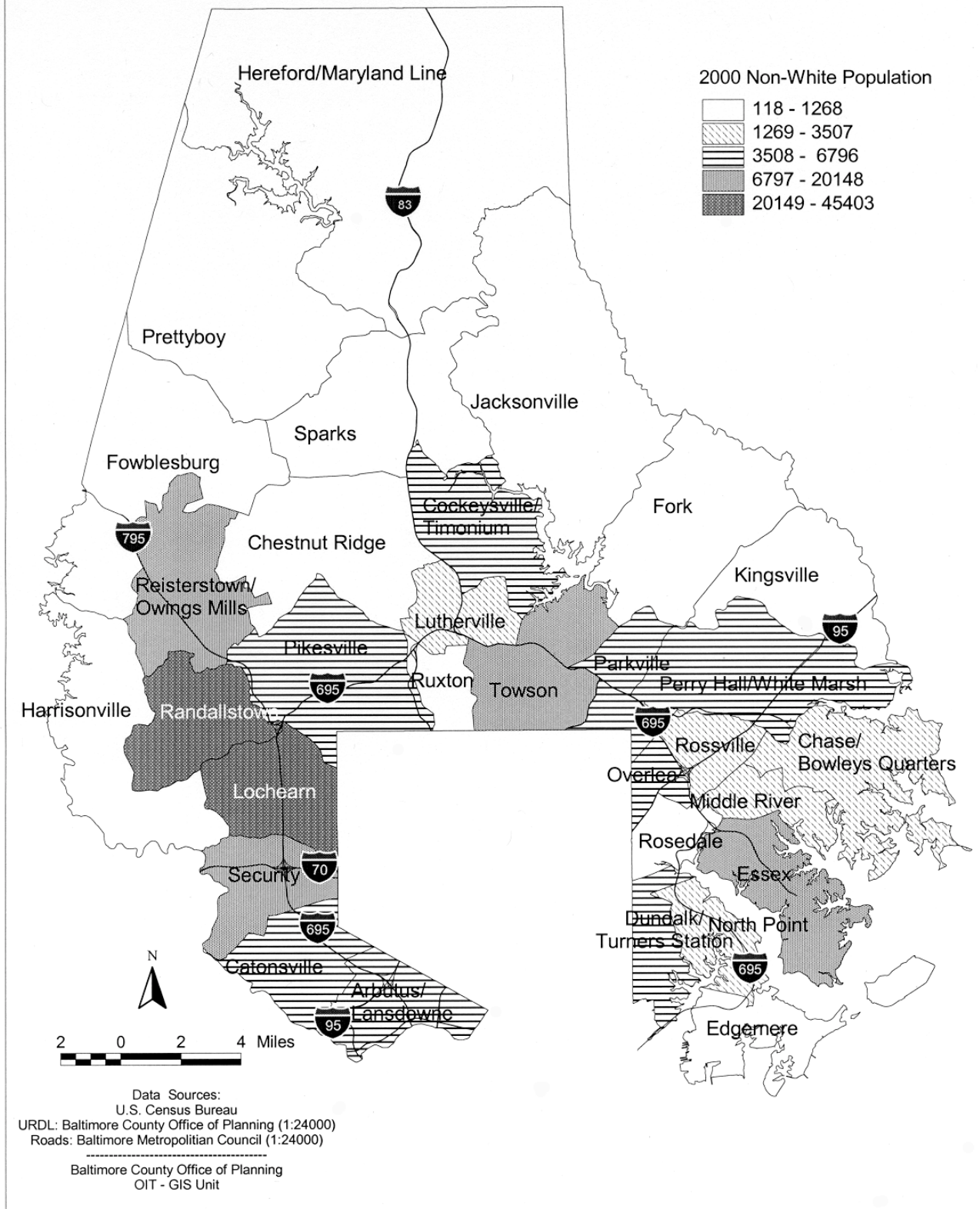
Map 3. Percent Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, April 1, 2000



Map 4. Hispanic or Latino Population, April 1, 2000



Map 5 Non-White Population, April 1, 2000



Census Information on the Worldwide Web

More detailed information from the Census is available on the following web sites:

Census Bureau's web site: <http://factfinder.census.gov>

Maryland State Data Center web site: <http://www.op.state.md.us/MSDC/>

Baltimore Metropolitan Council web site: <http://www.baltometro.org/>

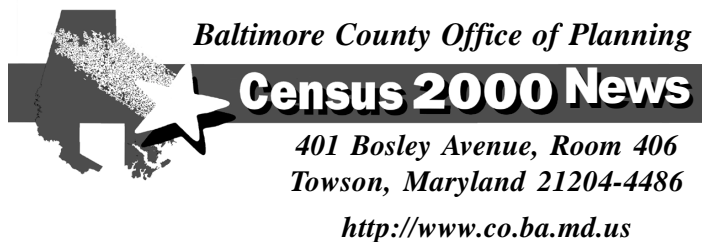
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